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手に取ってくださった貴方様に感謝します。

軍曹ペン銀 グンソウペンギン

原作あと3本あります。
誰か描きたい人ー？
（いねーよ。つーかもうネーム描くヒマねーよ！）

BLADE COMICS

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女王ヒミコが創設した日本最古の役所、コートネーム「**鎮呪府**」。

それは今なお国内外の呪術によるトラブルを処理する**秘密機関**として存在していた。

呪術師の**櫛名田大蛇**は鎮呪府の依頼を受け、**朱女**とともに「下界」に趣く。

長らく忘み所として人の住まない場所だったが、今では人口12万人を超える**影山市**。

そこには、500年前の巨大な呪いと3000年に渡る**櫛名田家の因縁**が待ち受けていた…。

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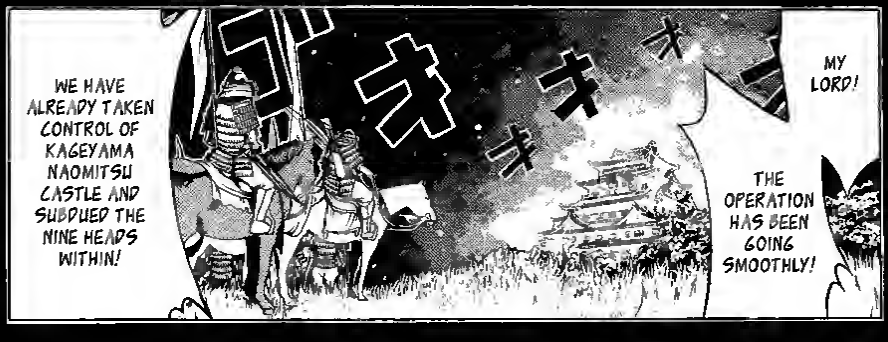

WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN CONTROL OF KAGEYAMA NAOMITSU CASTLE AND SUBDUED THE NINE HEADS WITHIN!
MY LORD!
THE OPERATION HAS BEEN GOING SMOOTHLY!

WHAT IS CALLED A 'CURSE'... IS ALSO KNOWN AS AN 'INCANTATION'...

YES! ONE OF OUR MEN SAW HIM FLEEING TO THE EAST!
WHAT ABOUT MOROMITSU?
WE HAVE ALREADY DISPATCHED SOME MEN TO CAPTURE HIM!
WHAT HAPPENED TO MOROMITSU OF CHAKUNAN?

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT IN ANCIENT TIMES, QUEEN HIMIKO USED INCANTATIONS TO RUN THE GOVERNMENT, AND USED THEM AS GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATION.

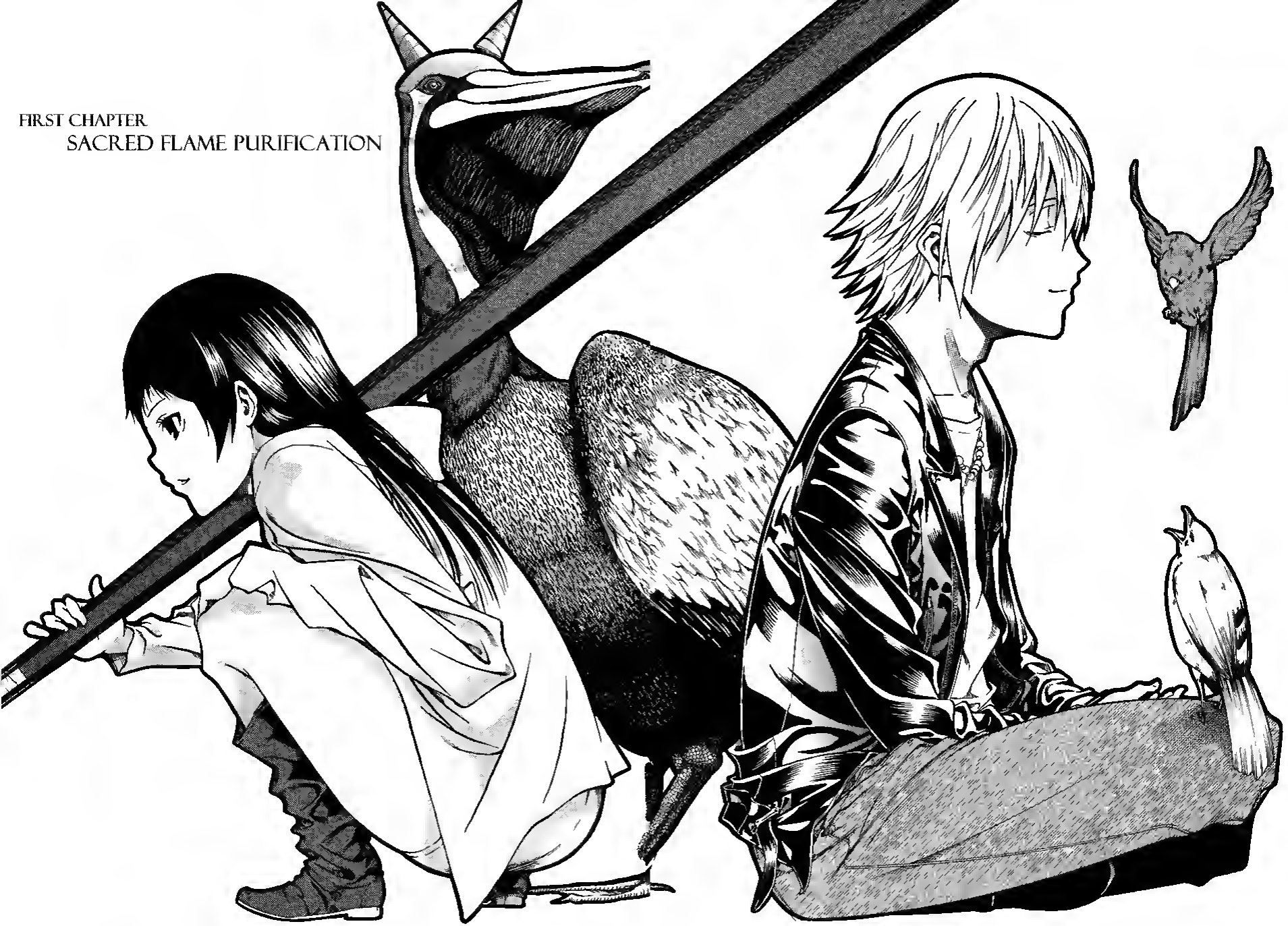
Because of the mixture of different religions and foreign cultures, there were many different kinds of incantations in this country...

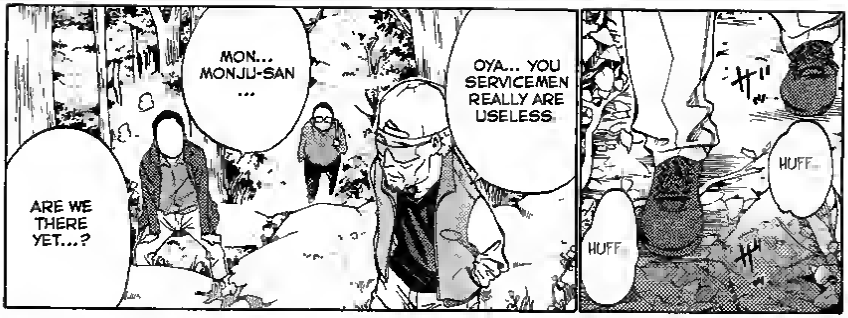
Shinto... Tantra... Tao... Shugen... For a period of prosperous and flourishing peace, incantations were said to be very influential in politics...

EVEN UNTIL NOW... INCANTATIONS ARE A PART OF THE CULTURE, DEEPLY ROOTED IN THIS COUNTRY...

FIRST CHAPTER

SACRED FLAME PURIFICATION



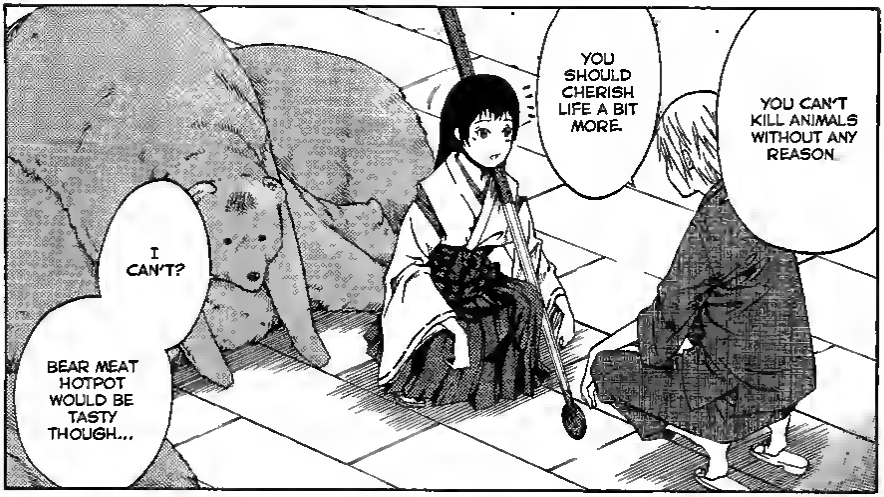

ARE WE THERE YET...?
MON... MONJU-SAN ...
OYA... YOU SERVICEMEN REALLY ARE USELESS.
HUFF...
HUFF...

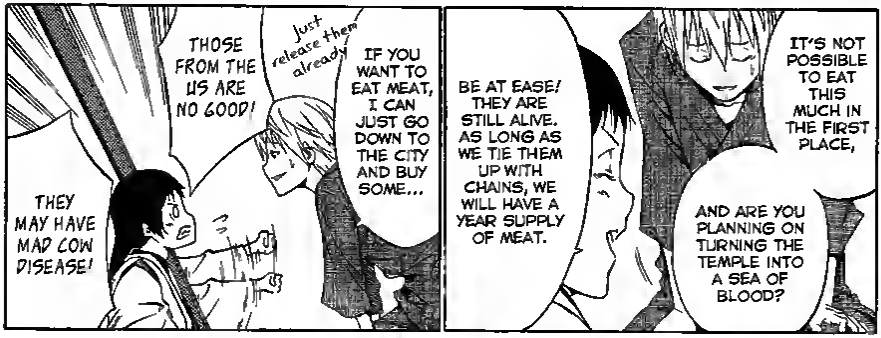
WE ARE ALMOST THERE.
LOOK,

AYAME,
I HAVE SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU.

OH! THIS SURE IS RARE. IF YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT, IT MUST REALLY BE IMPORTANT!
JUST SAY IT THEN!
AYAME WILL DEFINITELY RECEIVE IT LOUD AND CLEAR!

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WILD LIFE PRESER-VATION PROTO-COL?
NO IDEA.
AH RIGHT, OROCHI, DO YOU HAVE A KNIFE? AN AXE WILL BE FINE TOO.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE LISTENING?
I AM! I AM DEFINITELY LISTENING TO YOU!
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, AYAME...


YOU CAN'T KILL ANIMALS WITHOUT ANY REASON.
YOU SHOULD CHERISH LIFE A BIT MORE.
I CAN'T?
BEAR MEAT HOTPOT WOULD BE TASTY THOUGH...


THOSE FROM THE US ARE NO GOOD!
Just release them already
IF YOU WANT TO EAT MEAT, I CAN JUST GO DOWN TO THE CITY AND BUY SOME...
THEY MAY HAVE MAD COW DISEASE!
BE AT EASE! THEY ARE STILL ALIVE. AS LONG AS WE TIE THEM UP WITH CHAINS, WE WILL HAVE A YEAR SUPPLY OF MEAT.
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO EAT THIS MUCH IN THE FIRST PLACE,
AND ARE YOU PLANNING ON TURNING THE TEMPLE INTO A SEA OF BLOOD?

YOU GUYS SURE ARE LIVELY THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING.
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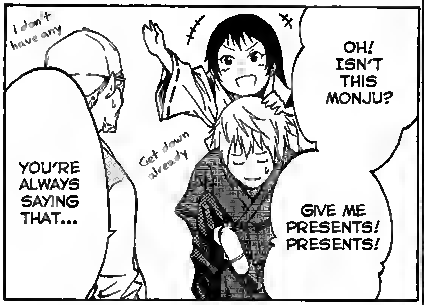
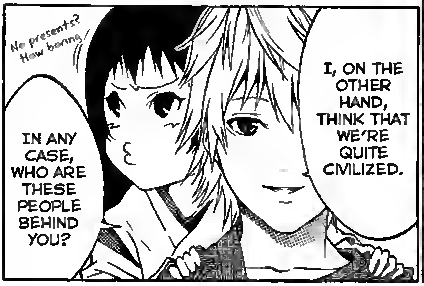
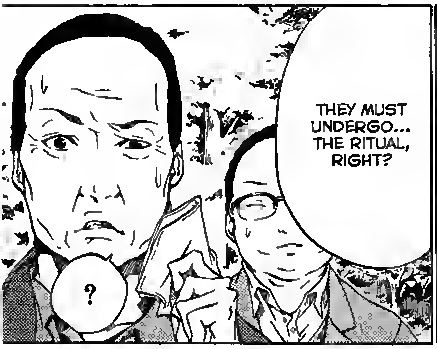
I SEE.
THEN THE MEAT FROM THE US ISN'T THAT SCARY AFTER ALL.
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A BRAIN THAT CAN BE AFFECTED BY BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY.
IT'S OKAY,


I don't have any
Get down already
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT...
OH! ISN'T THIS MONJU?
GIVE ME PRESENTS! PRESENTS!

EH?
HEY,
YOU GUYS ARE STILL LIVING SUCH A WILD LIFE, HUH?


No presents? How boring
IN ANY CASE, WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE BEHIND YOU?
I, ON THE OTHER HAND, THINK THAT WE'RE QUITE CIVILIZED.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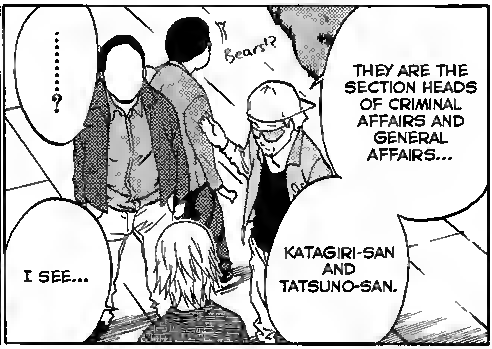
THEY MUST UNDERGO... THE RITUAL, RIGHT?


Beard?
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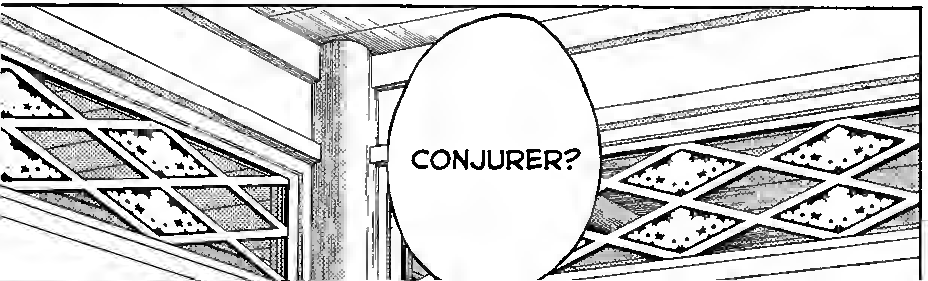
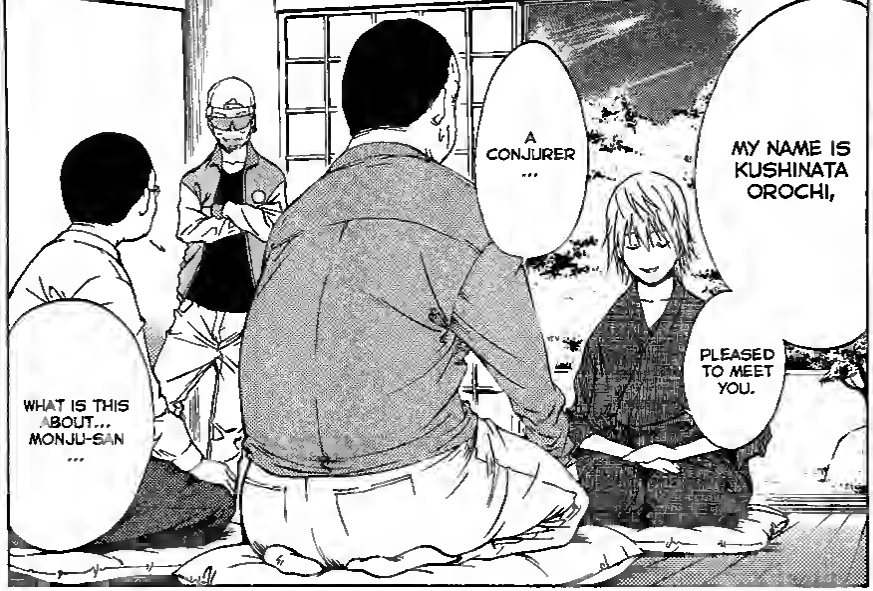
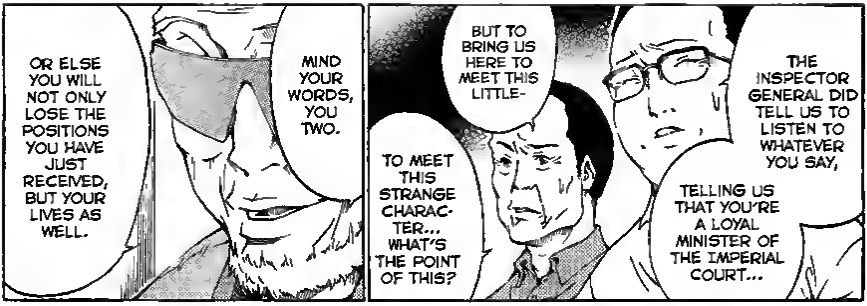
I SEE...
THEY ARE THE SECTION HEADS OF CRIMINAL AFFAIRS AND GENERAL AFFAIRS...
KATAGIRI-SAN AND TATSUNO-SAN.


CONJURER?


MY NAME IS KUSHINATA OROCHI,
A CONJURER ...
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT... MONJU-SAN ...


THE INSPECTOR GENERAL DID TELL US TO LISTEN TO WHATEVER YOU SAY,
TELLING US THAT YOU'RE A LOYAL MINISTER OF THE IMPERIAL COURT...
BUT TO BRING US HERE TO MEET THIS LITTLE-
TO MEET THIS STRANGE CHARACTER... WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS?
MIND YOUR WORDS, YOU TWO.
OR ELSE YOU WILL NOT ONLY LOSE THE POSITIONS YOU HAVE JUST RECEIVED, BUT YOUR LIVES AS WELL.

THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED 'LARGE ENOUGH' POSITIONS IN THIS COUNTRY ...
WILL ALWAYS VISIT THIS PLACE.
FOR YOU TO CLIMB TO THE POSITIONS YOU ARE IN NOW, IT MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT...
AND SOMETIMES, YOU MAY HAVE USED INDECENT MEANS, NO?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
ESPECIALLY YOU, CRIMINAL AFFAIRS SECTION HEAD KATAGIRI-SAN...

THE AMOUNT OF RESENTMENT YOU'RE CARRYING RIGHT NOW...
IS ENOUGH TO HARBOR A 'CURSE'...
NOT ONLY HAVE YOU USED MANY CRAFTY MEANS TO GET RID OF YOUR MANY COMPETITIVE OPPONENTS...
BUT ALSO FOR EFFICIENCY, YOU EVEN FABRICATE EVIDENCES AND BRING MUCH INJUSTICE TO THE INNOCENTS
YOU MUST BE CARRYING A LOT OF 'RESENTMENT'.
JUST WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!
YOU!
THIS IS TOO DISRES-PECTFUL!
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND; I'M NOT LECTURING YOU OR ANYTHING,
I KNOW THAT THESE THINGS ARE A MUST TO CLIMB TO HIGHER POSITIONS.
HOWEVER, CARRYING TOO MUCH RESENTMENT WILL BE VERY BAD...
WHAT...!

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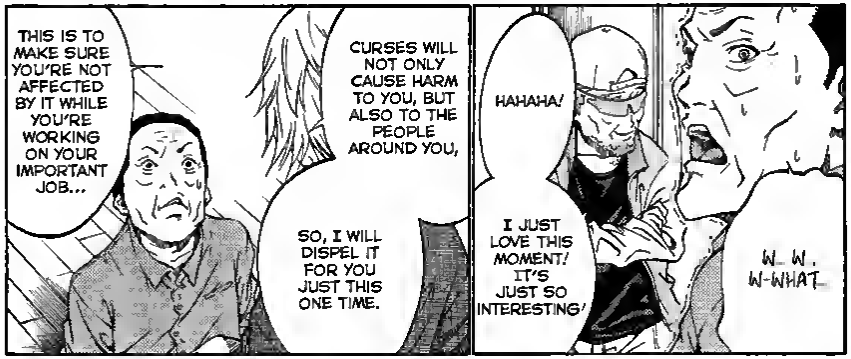
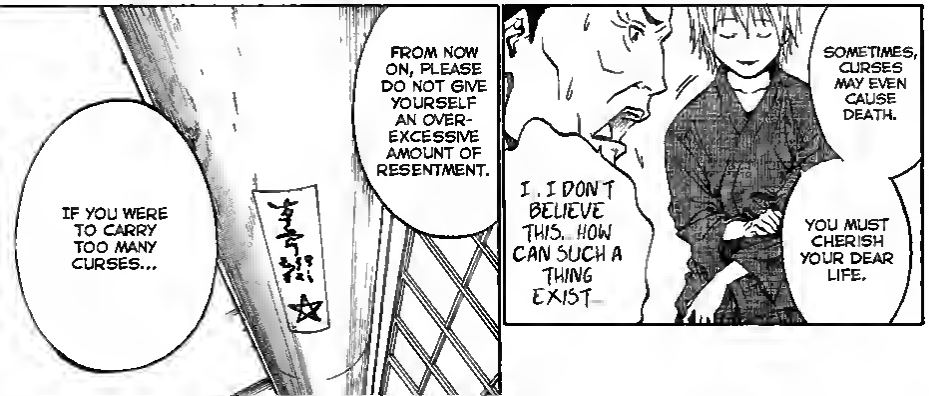
SFX: Shine!

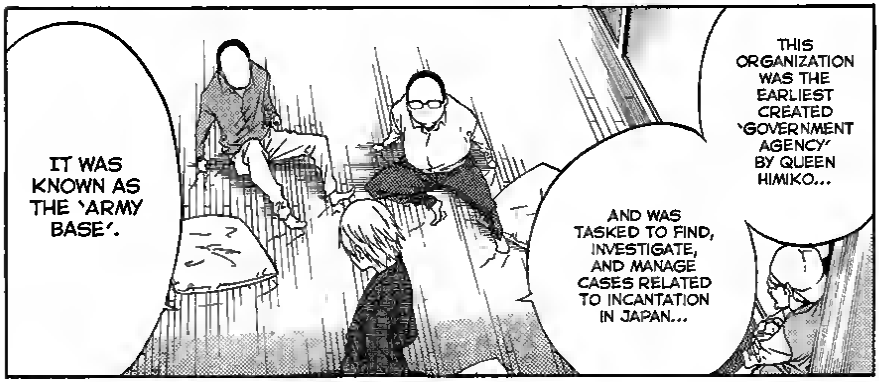

THIS IS TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT AFFECTED BY IT WHILE YOU'RE WORKING ON YOUR IMPORTANT JOB...
CURSES WILL NOT ONLY CAUSE HARM TO YOU, BUT ALSO TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU,
SO, I WILL DISPEL IT FOR YOU JUST THIS ONE TIME.
HAHAHA!
I JUST LOVE THIS MOMENT! IT'S JUST SO INTERESTING!
W... W... W-WHAT...


IF YOU WERE TO CARRY TOO MANY CURSES...
FROM NOW ON, PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOURSELF AN OVER-EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF RESENTMENT.
I... I DON'T BELIEVE THIS... HOW CAN SUCH A THING EXIST...
SOMETIMES, CURSES MAY EVEN CAUSE DEATH.
YOU MUST CHERISH YOUR DEAR LIFE.

SO THEY CAME OUT ALREADY...
HIII!!

YOU WILL ATTRACT GHOSTS ...

SINCE CENTURIES AGO, THE IMPERIAL COURT HAS THIS SECRET ORGANIZATION ...
THERE IS ANOTHER REASON WHY YOU'RE HERE.
Gasp
GHOSTS ...?
GHO...


IT WAS KNOWN AS THE 'ARMY BASE'.
AND WAS TASKED TO FIND, INVESTIGATE, AND MANAGE CASES RELATED TO INCANTATION IN JAPAN...
THIS ORGANIZATION WAS THE EARLIEST CREATED 'GOVERNMENT AGENCY' BY QUEEN HIMIKO...

IN OTHER WORDS...
WHEN A WEIRD CASE APPEARS...
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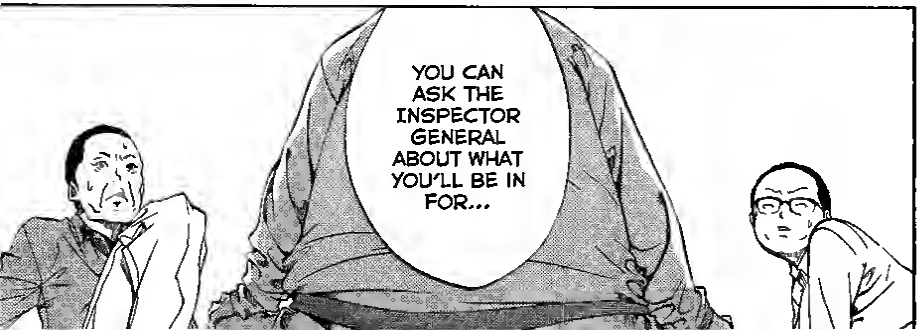
AFTER ALL, THE GOVERNMENT IS USING TAXES ON INCANTATIONS MUST BE KEPT A SECRET FROM THE COMMON PEOPLE...
WOAH! OROCHI!
THE BEAR IS ESCAPING!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME...

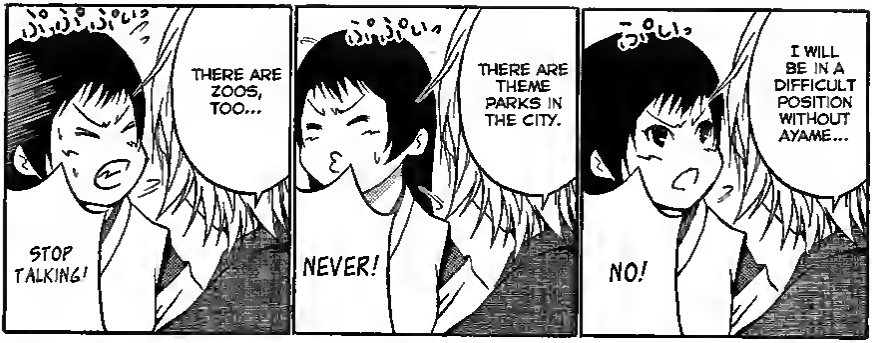
YOU MUST GIVE US YOUR UTMOST SUPPORT, AS WELL AS PREVENT THE TRUTH ABOUT THESE CASES FROM LEAKING OUT.
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO THIS...
THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY US, THE ARMY BASE, AS A CASE INVOLVING THE USE OF INCANTATIONS ...


YOU CAN ASK THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ABOUT WHAT YOU'LL BE IN FOR...

Hey!
IT'S ALSO RATHER DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO COME HERE EVERY TIME ISN'T IT, MONJU...
SHOULDN'T YOU BE RETIRING AT YOUR AGE NOW?
BASTARD, WHO'S OLD?
I'M ONLY SIXTY-NINE AND HALF YEARS OLD, MIND YOU.
DID YOU SEE THEM? THEIR FACES...
LOOK LIKE THEY ARE TOO WORRIED TO EVEN THINK ABOUT THE ESCAPING BEAR.
IT SURE IS A BLESSING THAT YOU'RE TRAINING YOURSELF UP TO THAT EXTENT.
I GUESS THE PREVIOUS GENERATION MAY EVEN FEEL RELIEVED NOW.
SPEAKING OF WHICH... YOUR TECHNIQUES ARE GETTING EVEN BETTER...
!!!!!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO BRING IT UP.
THIS TOPIC ...
.....

I DO NOT WISH TO RESENT YOU...
BECAUSE ...
.....
IT'S MY BAD YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL SO UNCOMFORTABLE
AH.
ALRIGHT.
LET'S ENTER THE MAIN TOPIC THEN...
DO YOU MIND SHUTTING YOUR MOUTH?
MONJU REALLY IS INTELLI-GENT AND CAPABLE!
YOU'RE PREPARING FOR YOUR DEATH ALREADY? I BET YOU'RE GOING TO PRESERVE YOUR CORPSE!
WHAT RUBBISH.
Stop looking already~
I HOPE THAT YOU CAN RETIRE SOON.
ONCE YOU RETIRE, I WILL RECOMMEND YOU A VERY GOOD FUNERAL PARLOR.

THIS IS HIGHLY RELIABLE INFORMATION.
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO PREPARE AN AMBUSH ON YOUR FATHER...
THE HIGHER-UPS HAVE SPOKEN, AND THEY NEED YOUR COOPERATION.
What a troublesome kid
FOR EXAMPLE, TERRORIST ATTACKS, POPULATION REDUCTION, ECONOMIC DEPRESSION, ETCETERA!
AYAME LIKES IT HERE! I WILL NEVER LEAVE THIS MOUNTAIN!
AYAME ...
NEVER!
IT'S ALSO PROBABLY TIME FOR AYAME TO GET HERSELF USED TO THE CITY...
THERE ARE SO MANY SCARY THINGS!
I HATE THE CITY!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THERE ARE ZOOS, TOO...
STOP TALKING!
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THERE ARE THEME PARKS IN THE CITY.
NEVER!
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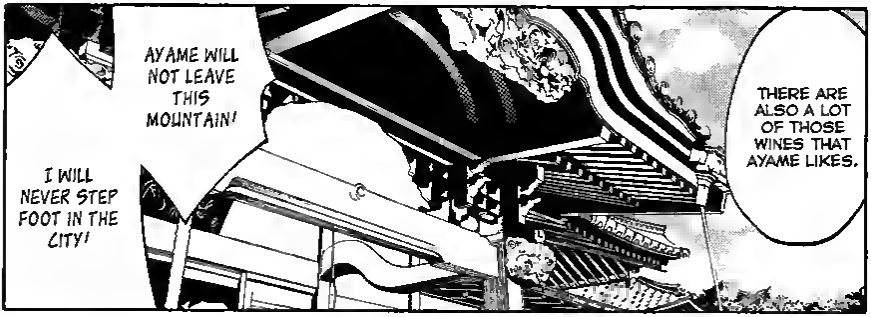
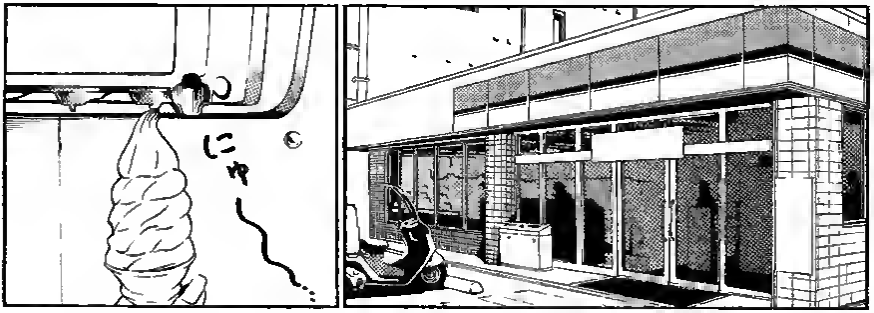
I WILL BE IN A DIFFICULT POSITION WITHOUT AYAME...
NO!


AYAME WILL NOT LEAVE THIS MOUNTAIN!
I WILL NEVER STEP FOOT IN THE CITY!
THERE ARE ALSO A LOT OF THOSE WINES THAT AYAME LIKES.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HERE, SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING—!
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT ...
OH—
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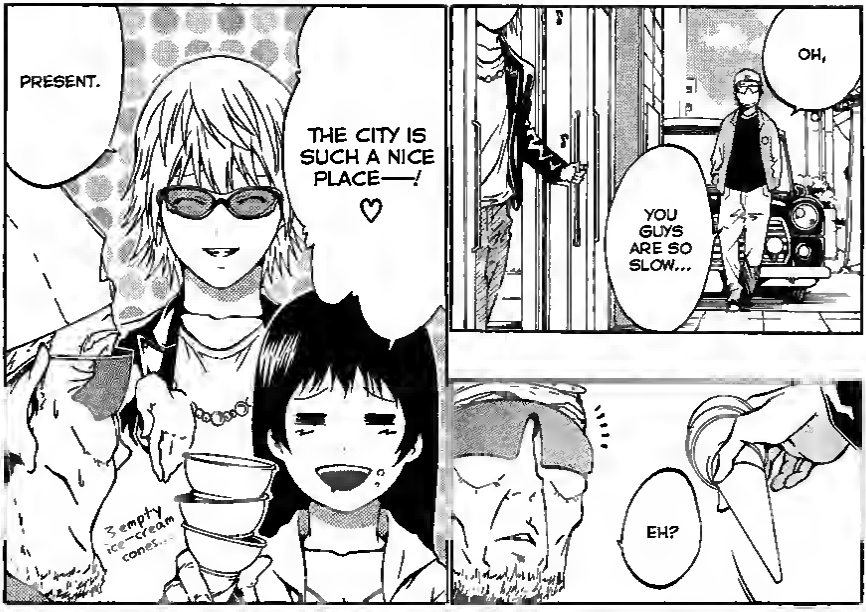
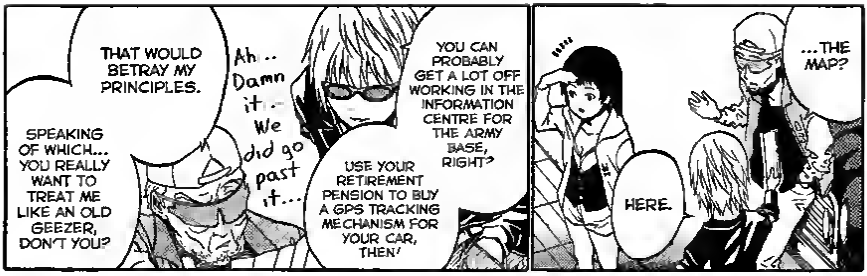
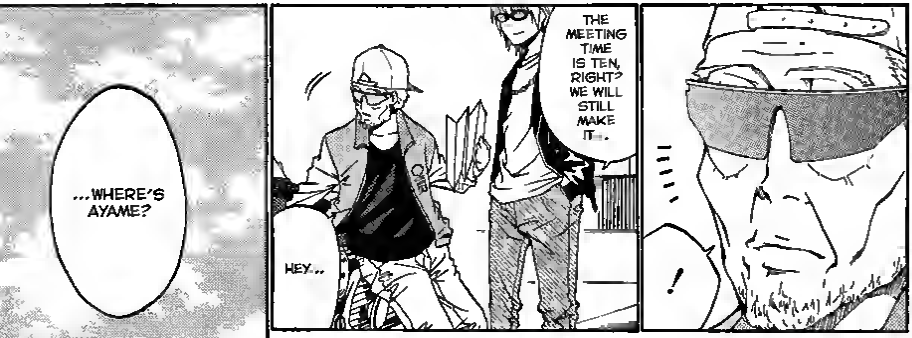
AND ALSO THIS MAP...
ALRIGHT, THAT WILL BE 873 YEN.


PRESENT.
THE CITY IS SUCH A NICE PLACE—♡
3 empty ice-cream cones...
OH,
YOU GUYS ARE SO SLOW...
EH?


THAT WOULD BETRAY MY PRINCIPLES.
SPEAKING OF WHICH... YOU REALLY WANT TO TREAT ME LIKE AN OLD GEEZER, DON'T YOU?
Ah.. Damn it.. We did go past it...
YOU CAN PROBABLY GET A LOT OFF WORKING IN THE INFORMATION CENTRE FOR THE ARMY BASE, RIGHT?
USE YOUR RETIREMENT PENSION TO BUY A GPS TRACKING MECHANISM FOR YOUR CAR, THEN!
...THE MAP?
HERE.


...WHERE'S AYAME?
HEY...
THE MEETING TIME IS TEN, RIGHT? WE WILL STILL MAKE IT.
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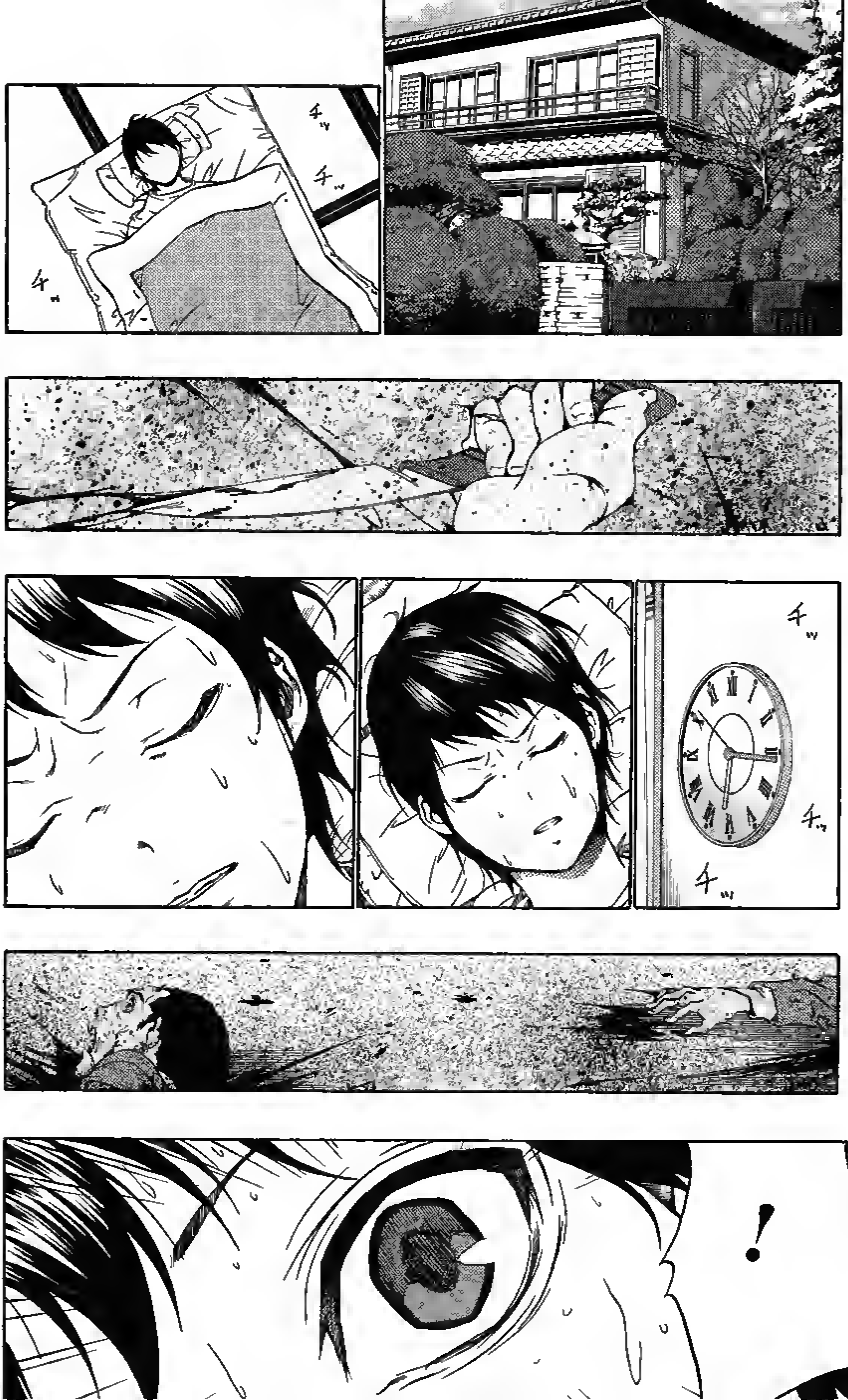
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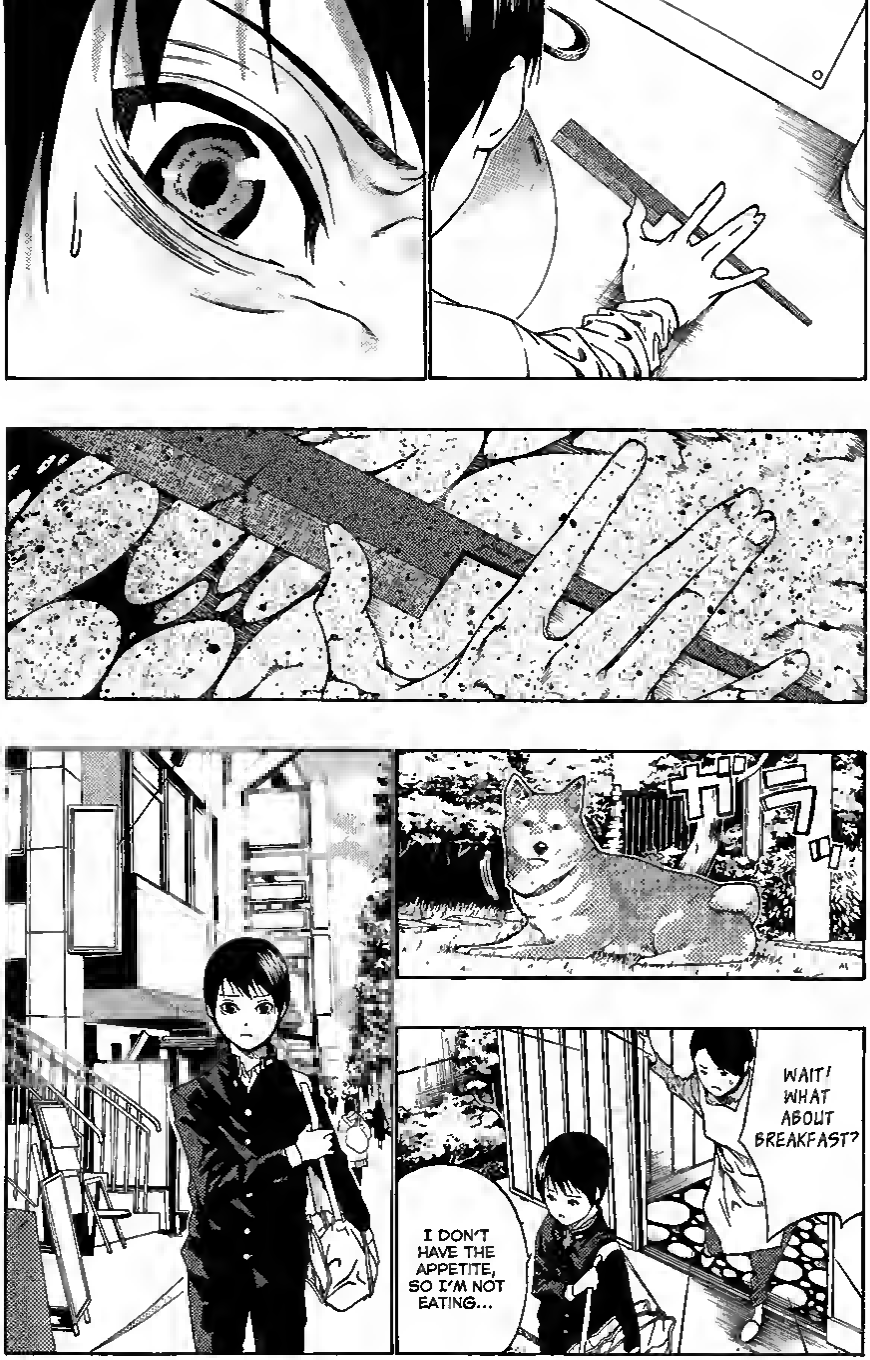
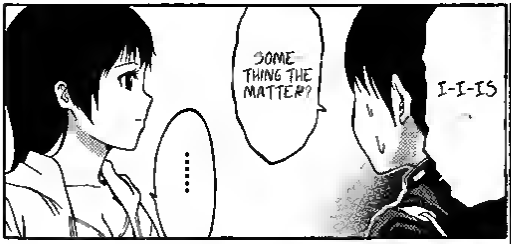
URGH...
PANT!
PANT!
EH? NATSUKI ...
YOU'RE ALREADY AWAKE?
AH... YES...
COUGH!
COUGH!
I'M FINE...
YOUR FACE LOOKS PALE...
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL ...?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
NO NOTHING...


WAIT! WHAT ABOUT BREAKFAST?
I DON'T HAVE THE APPETITE, SO I'M NOT EATING...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SOME THING THE MATTER?
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WUAA AAH!
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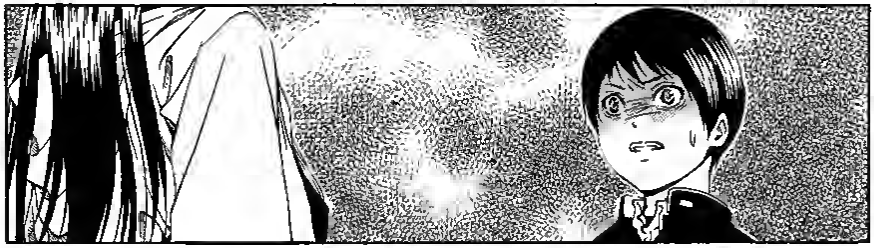
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WITH THE SAME BLACK OUTFIT WALKING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.
WHY IS THAT SO?
AH?

I HAVE HEARD OF IT BEFORE!
It sounds really interesting!
ALL THE KIDS NOW SEEM TO GO TO SCHOOL AND PLAY, RIGHT?
NO... IT'S TO STUDY...
THE BLACK... UNIFORMS?
IT'S BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT TIME SCHOOL STARTS...
SCHOOL?
IS THAT SO?
SORRY FOR YOU HOLDING YOU UP.
ALTHOUGH HER JAPANESE IS VERY FLUENT— IS SHE A FOREIGNER?
THEN, I WILL BE GOING...
BY THE WAY, YOUNG MAN...

YOUR FACE IS SAYING...
I WANT TO KILL PEOPLE, I WANT TO KILL THEM... I CAN'T HOLD IT BACK ANYMORE, ISN'T IT?



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Ha ha ha ha!
JUST— JOKING!

IT'S THANKS TO YOU...
.....
OH?
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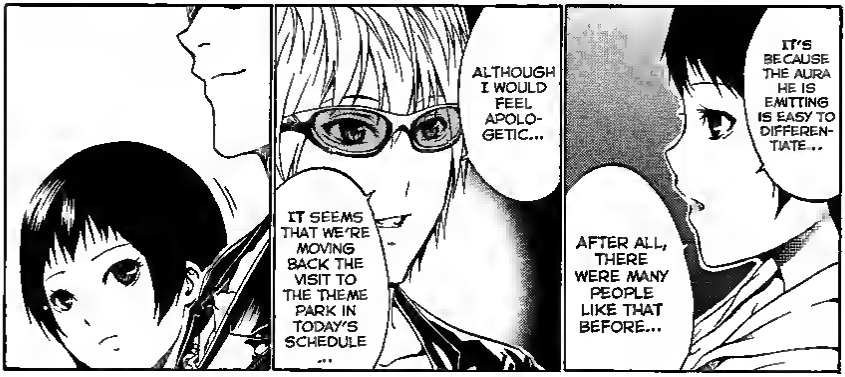
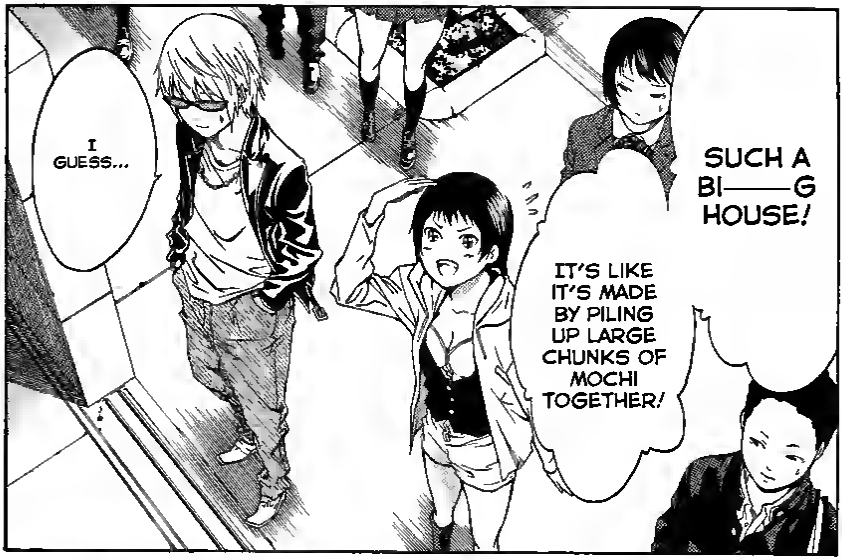
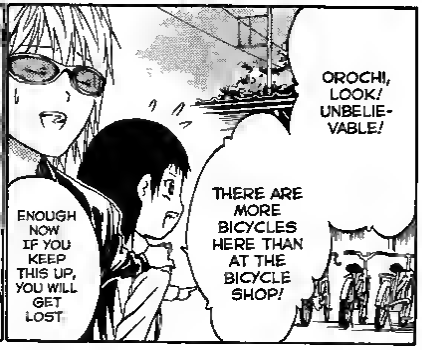

IT'S BECAUSE THE AURA HE IS EMITTING IS EASY TO DIFFERENTIATE...
ALTHOUGH I WOULD FEEL APOLOGETIC...
AFTER ALL, THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE LIKE THAT BEFORE...
IT SEEMS THAT WE'RE MOVING BACK THE VISIT TO THE THEME PARK IN TODAY'S SCHEDULE...

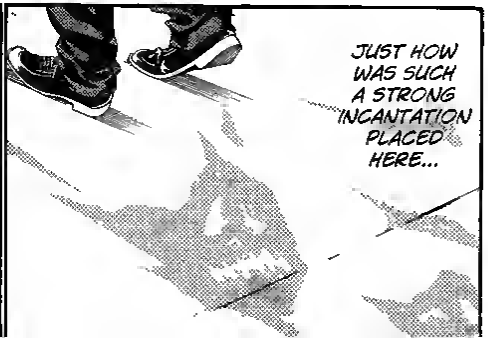
IF THIS KEEPS UP, EITHER THAT KID STARTS KILLING PEOPLE...
OR HE ENDS HIS OWN LIFE...
THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED...

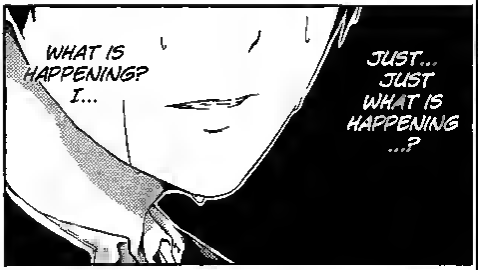
NEVER.
BUT... IF THIS KEEPS UP, THE SITUATION WILL BE VERY SEVERE.
NO!
Eh?
STOP TALKING!
IT WILL BE SAD.
I WANT TO PLAY A LITTLE MORE BEFORE I RETURN!
NO, NO, NO!
BUT WE HAVE TO GO BACK...
IT'S RARE THAT AYAME COMES DOWN TO THE CITY!
LIVES OF OTHER PEOPLE ARE ALL TRASH!
INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED, YOU KNOW?
NO! NO! NO!
Alright, let's go!
AYAME WILL NEVER GO!
LET'S JUST HAVE MONJU MEET WITH THE CLIENT FIRST.


I GUESS...
SUCH A BI——G HOUSE!
IT'S LIKE IT'S MADE BY PILING UP LARGE CHUNKS OF MOCHI TOGETHER!

... I CAN FEEL A LOT OF CURSES MASSING IN THIS PLACE...


OROCHI, LOOK! UNBELIE-VABLE!
THERE ARE MORE BICYCLES HERE THAN AT THE BICYCLE SHOP!
ENOUGH NOW IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, YOU WILL GET LOST


JUST HOW WAS SUCH A STRONG INCANTATION PLACED HERE...


WHAT IS HAPPENING? I...
JUST... JUST WHAT IS HAPPENING ...?

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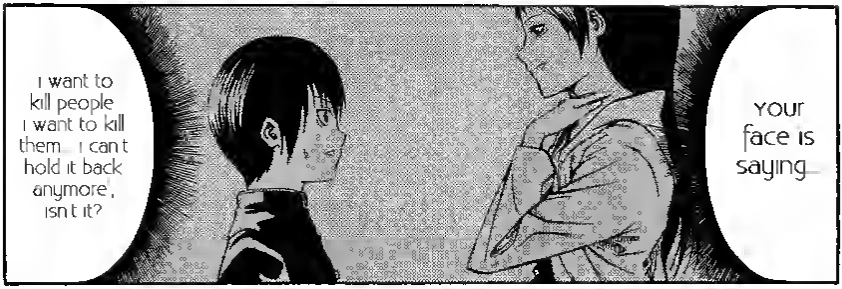
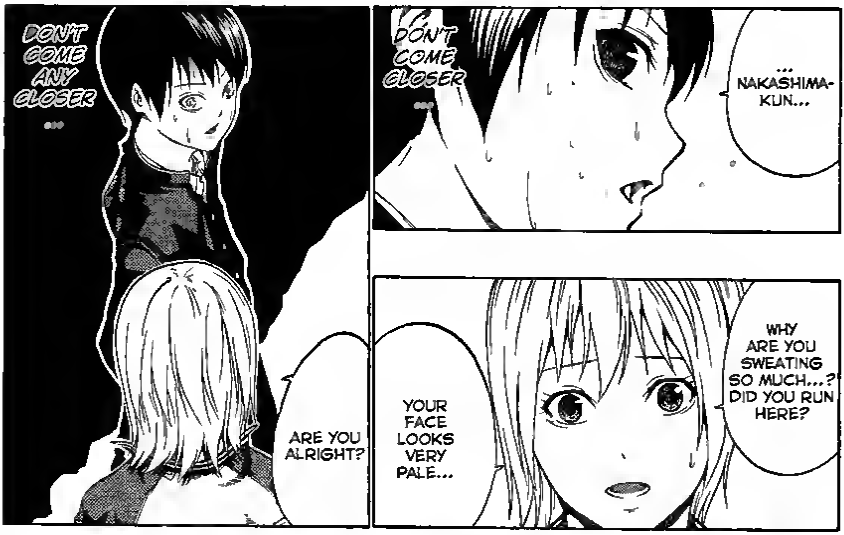
I ALWAYS RECOVER FAIRLY QUICKLY
ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN ACTING UP RECENTLY...


I want to kill people I want to kill them... I can't hold it back anymore, isn't it?
Your face is saying...

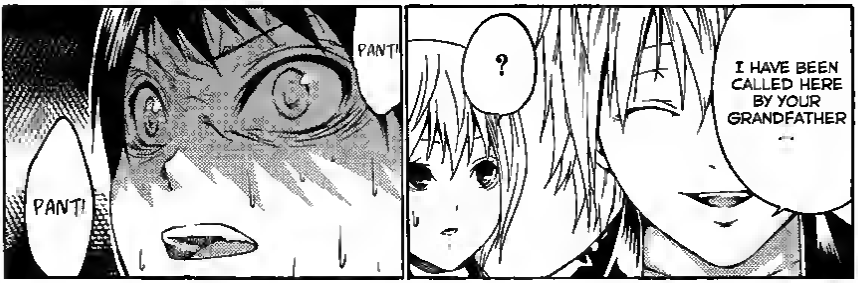
USING... THIS HAND?
TO KILL... USING THIS HAND...
KILL PEOPLE? I WANT TO...

OBINATA-KUN!
!!
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY HERE.
IF YOU DON'T TURN UP FOR THE MORNING PRACTICE, THE SENIORS WILL GET ANGRY.


DON'T COME ANY CLOSER...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
DON'T COME CLOSER...
...NAKASHIMA-KUN...
YOUR FACE LOOKS VERY PALE...
WHY ARE YOU SWEATING SO MUCH...? DID YOU RUN HERE?

DON'T...!

YOU'RE OBINATA NATSUKI, AM I RIGHT?


PANT!
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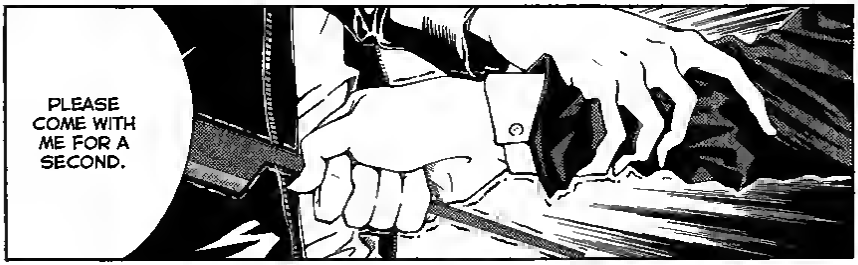
I HAVE BEEN CALLED HERE BY YOUR GRANDFATHER ...

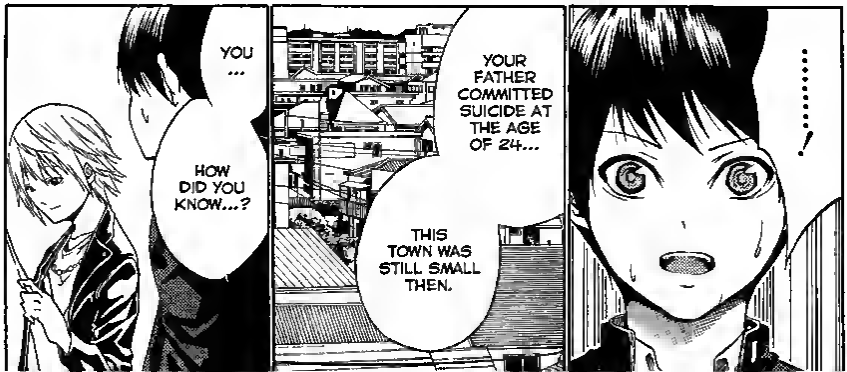

PLEASE COME WITH ME FOR A SECOND.

AH...
I'M SORRY ...
BUT MAY I ASK WHO YOU ARE?
YOU MUST FIRST GO THROUGH THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS BEFORE...
YOUR GRAND-FATHER IS A VERY INFLUENTIAL POLITICIAN, RIGHT...?
BIG SHOTS LIKE HIM OFTEN KEEP IN CONTACT WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE...
I TOLD YOU, YOUR GRAND-FATHER CALLED US HERE.
YOU... YOU GUYS ARE... JUST WHAT...
WEIRD PEOPLE LIKE US...
FOR EXAMPLE...

?
What is this?
?
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME...?
...EH?
UH...
WHY AM I HERE?
...EH?
ALRIGHT,
THERE WON'T BE ANY DISTURBANCES HERE...

JUST WHAT...
ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO TO ME?

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SHAKE OFF THE THOUGHT OF KILLING SOMEONE...
AND YOU HAVE JUST RECENTLY HAD THE ACTUAL INTENTION TO KILL...
AM I RIGHT?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YOUR FATHER COMMITTED SUICIDE AT THE AGE OF 24...
THIS TOWN WAS STILL SMALL THEN.
YOU ...
HOW DID YOU KNOW...?

I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE INCANTATION WORKS.
YOUR FATHER WAS CURSED IN THE SAME WAY...
CAN I WAVE 'DADDY' AROUND AS MUCH AS I LIKE?
CAN I MAKE A HUGE RUCKUS?
Daddy?
PLEASE HOLD BACK IF YOU CAN. DON'T OVERDO IT, PLEASE...
CURSE?
CUR...
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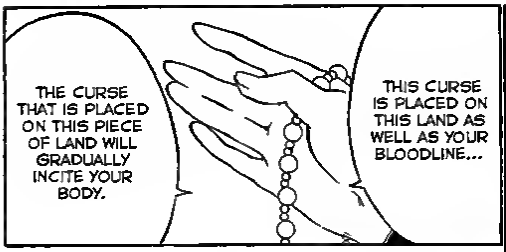
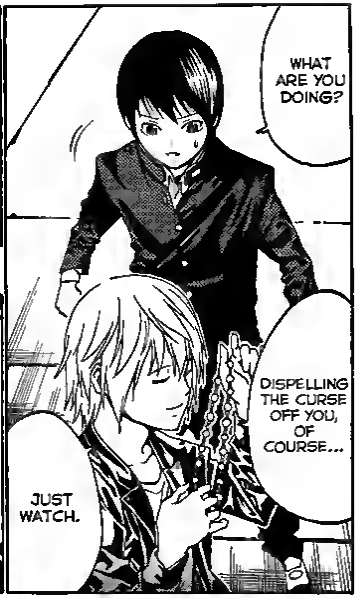
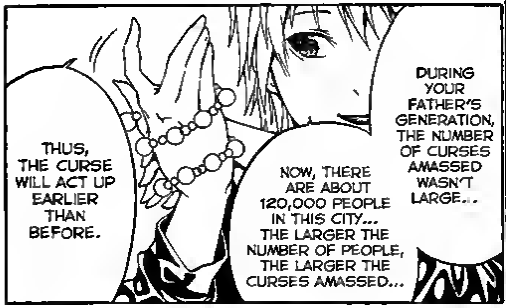
AYAME...


THIS CURSE IS PLACED ON THIS LAND AS WELL AS YOUR BLOODLINE...
THE CURSE THAT IS PLACED ON THIS PIECE OF LAND WILL GRADUALLY INCITE YOUR BODY.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DISPELLING THE CURSE OFF YOU, OF COURSE...
JUST WATCH.


DURING YOUR FATHER'S GENERATION, THE NUMBER OF CURSES AMASSED WASN'T LARGE...
NOW, THERE ARE ABOUT 120,000 PEOPLE IN THIS CITY... THE LARGER THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, THE LARGER THE CURSES AMASSED...
THUS, THE CURSE WILL ACT UP EARLIER THAN BEFORE.

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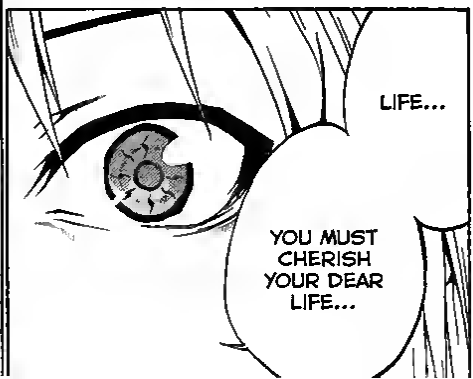
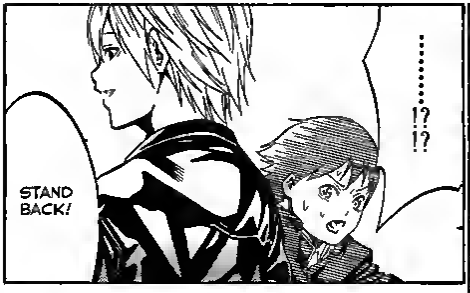
HOWEVER, WE CAN STILL MAKE IT IN TIME...
IF THIS KEEPS UP, THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL DIE...


LIFE...
YOU MUST CHERISH YOUR DEAR LIFE...


STAND BACK!
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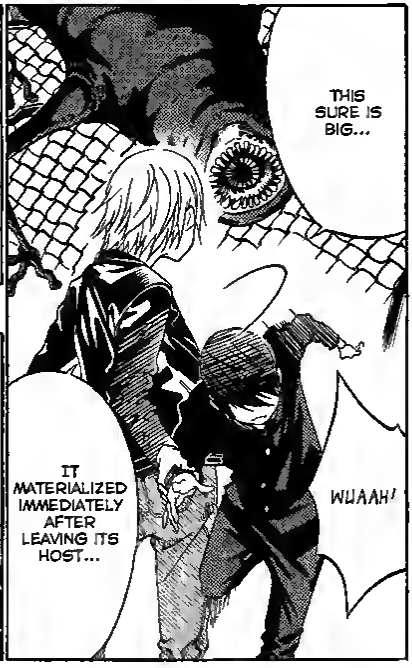
THIS SURE IS BIG...
WUAAH!
IT MATERIALIZED IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING ITS HOST...

AYAME!

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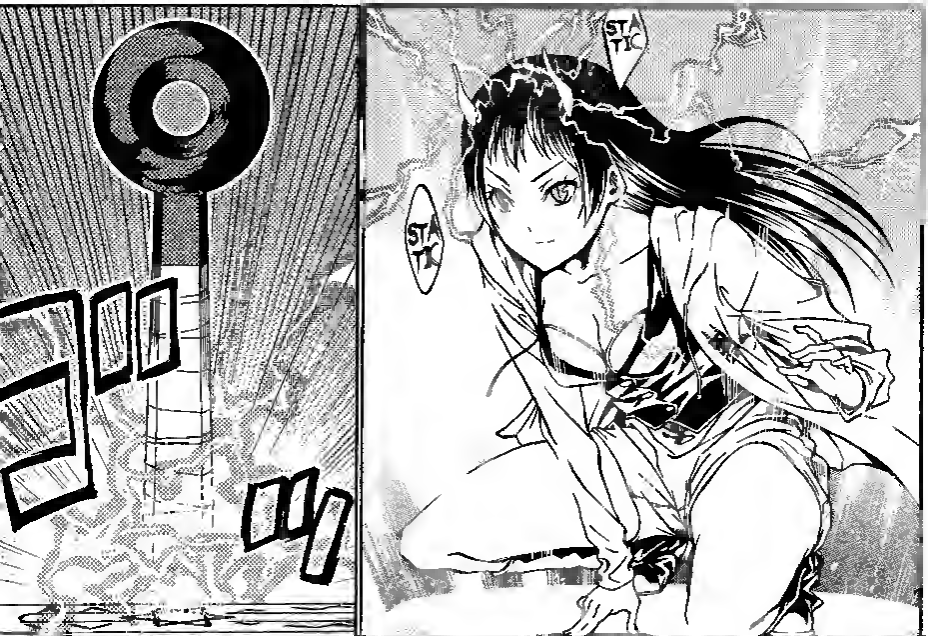
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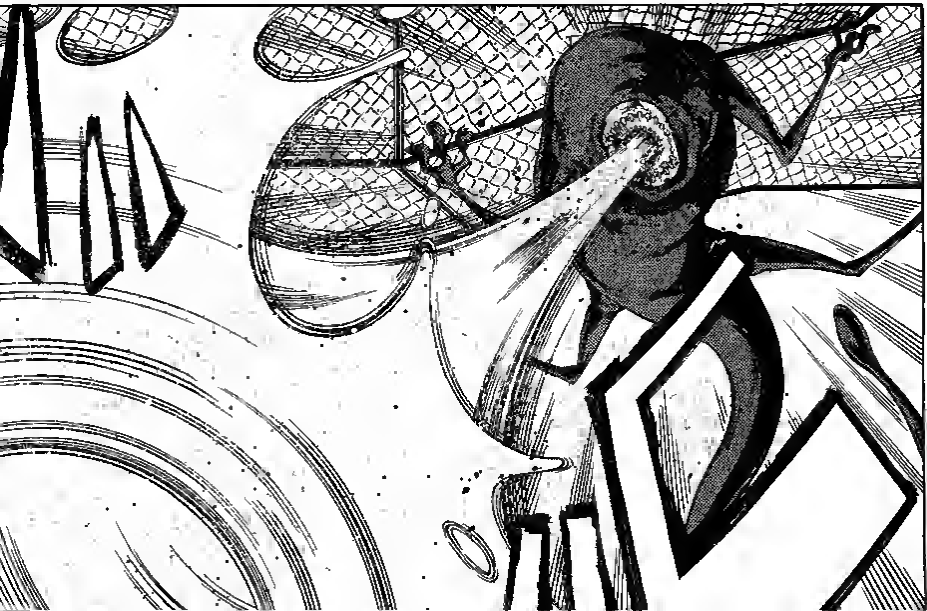

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男性の叫び声が聞こえた

OYA!
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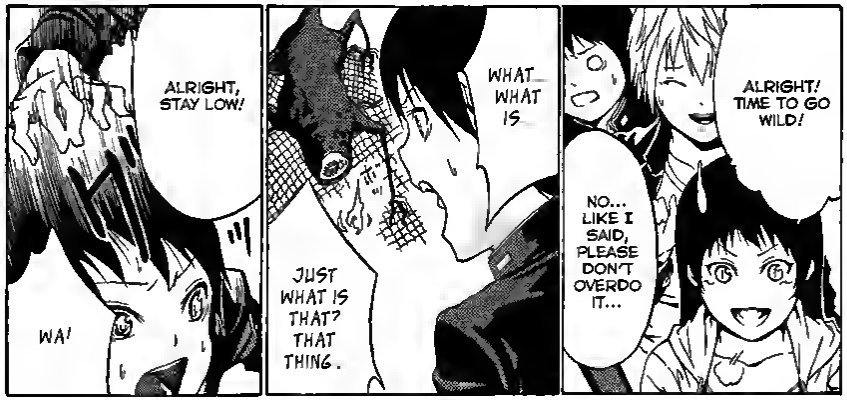
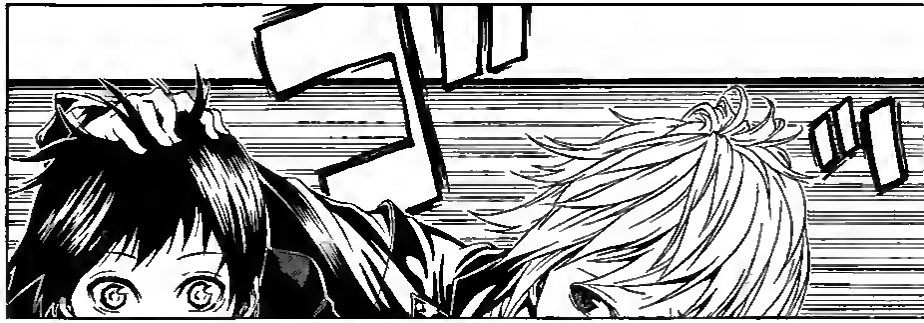

ALRIGHT, STAY LOW!
WA!
WHAT— WHAT IS
JUST WHAT IS THAT? THAT THING.
ALRIGHT! TIME TO GO WILD!
NO... LIKE I SAID, PLEASE DON'T OVERDO IT...



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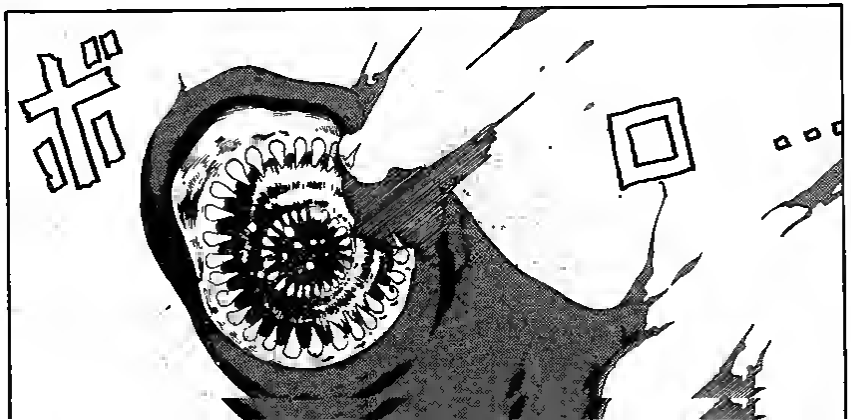
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING?
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
SEEING THINGS...?
AM I...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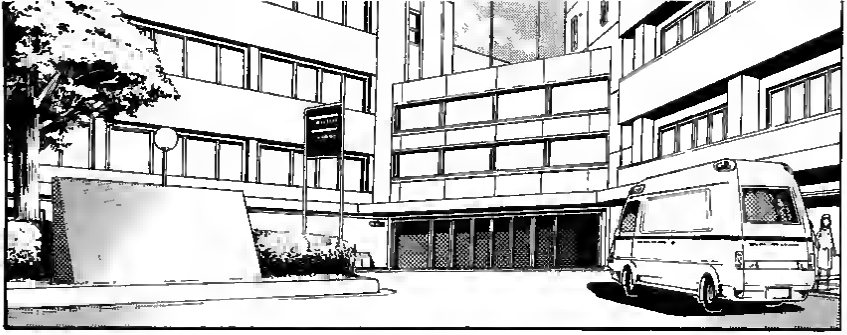
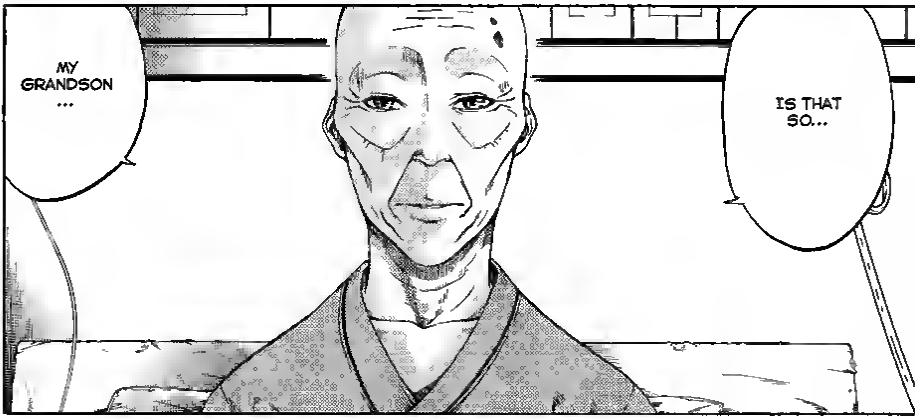
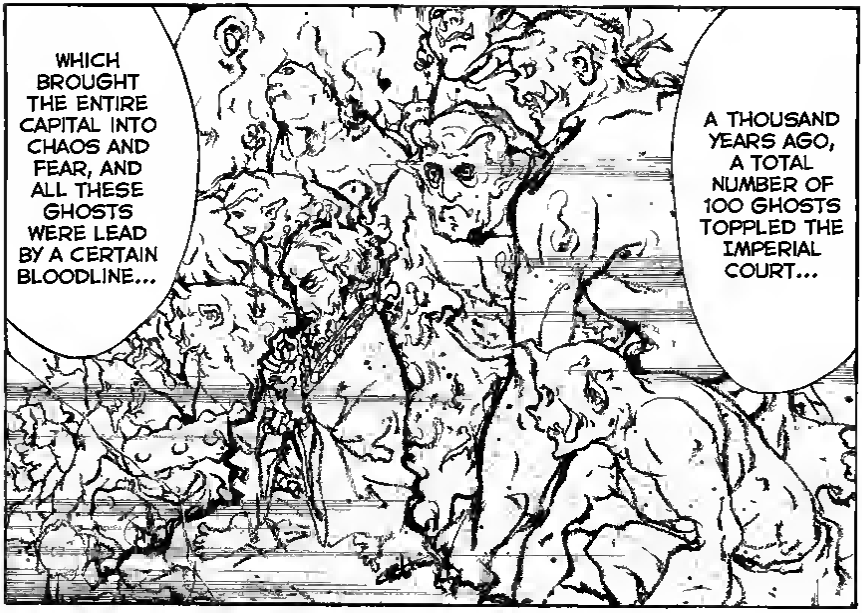
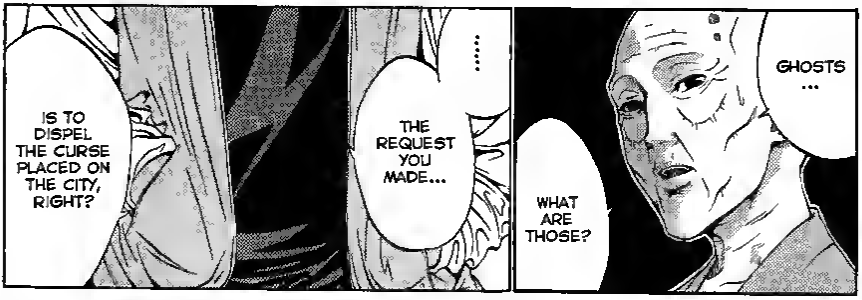



MY GRANDSON ...
IS THAT SO...

OH... THAT WAS WHEN YOU WERE A MINISTER, RIGHT?
THE ONE DOING THE RITUAL NOW IS HER SON.
THE NAME IS KUSHINATA... RIGHT...?
BUT, IF WE LEAVE IT TO HIM, IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT.
HER SON?
WHEN I ASKED HER TO DISPEL MY CURSE, SHE WAS ONLY A YOUNG GIRL OF 15 OR 16 YEARS OLD.
ALTHOUGH HE IS YOUNG, HE IS VERY TALENTED ...

A BOY BEING BORN WITH THAT 'POWER' IS ALREADY RARELY SEEN.
AND YET HE HAS A BOUNDLESS AMOUNT OF STRENGTH THAT NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN BEFORE
THE PREVIOUS GENERATION PASSED AWAY A LONG TIME AGO,
HE WAS ONLY 6 YEARS OLD WHEN HE TOOK OVER HIS MOTHER'S JOB.
... IS THAT SO...
THE KUSHINATA FAMILY HAS ALWAYS HAD THE DAUGHTERS INHERIT THOSE ABILITIES...
.....
ISN'T HE A MEMBER OF THE ARMY BASE?
OUT-SIDER?
ALTHOUGH THE HIGHER-UPS WERE NEVER FOND OF RELYING ON OUTSIDERS ...
YES ...
ALTHOUGH IN THE OLDEN DAYS, HIS FAMILY WAS OUR BIGGEST ENEMY.


A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, A TOTAL NUMBER OF 100 GHOSTS TOPPLED THE IMPERIAL COURT...
WHICH BROUGHT THE ENTIRE CAPITAL INTO CHAOS AND FEAR, AND ALL THESE GHOSTS WERE LEAD BY A CERTAIN BLOODLINE...


GHOSTS ...
WHAT ARE THOSE?
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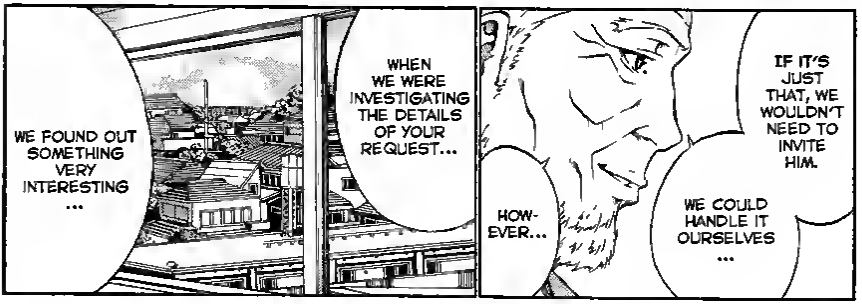
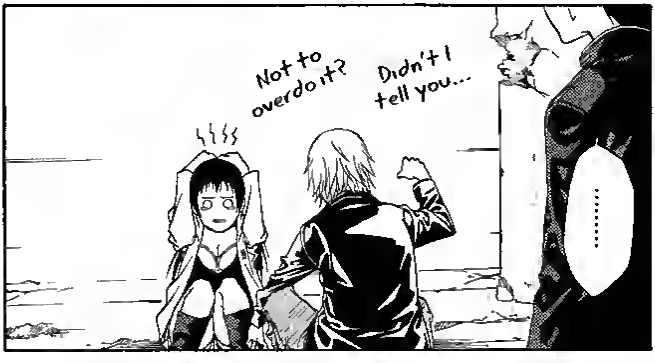
THE REQUEST YOU MADE...
IS TO DISPEL THE CURSE PLACED ON THE CITY, RIGHT?


IF IT'S JUST THAT, WE WOULDN'T NEED TO INVITE HIM.
WE COULD HANDLE IT OURSELVES ...
HOW-EVER...
WHEN WE WERE INVESTIGATING THE DETAILS OF YOUR REQUEST...
WE FOUND OUT SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING ...

EVER SINCE 500 YEARS AGO, ON THIS PIECE OF LAND...
THERE HAS BEEN A VERY STRONG GHOST LYING IN DEEP SLUMBER...
IF IT'S A CASE INVOLVING GHOSTS, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING AT ALL...
IT WOULD TAKE AN ARMY TO COMPLETE YOUR REQUEST...
.....
BECAUSE HIS FAMILY, SINCE GENERATIONS AGO, HAS ALWAYS BEEN...
HENCE, WE REQUIRE KUSHINATA'S STRENGTH ...

GHOST CREATORS.
A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO CREATE AND LEAD GHOSTS...


Not to overdo it?
Didn't I tell you...
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